

## Col Michael H. Brown, USMC

Col Michael H. Brown was born in 1965 in Washington D.C. and graduated from St. Anselm College in 1988.

Following his graduation from The Basic School he participated in the U.S. Military's Pentathlon Team in 1989, and competed against NATO teams in Wurzburg, Germany.

Upon graduation from the Infantry Officer's Course, he was ordered to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines for assignment as a Rifle Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer, 81mm Mortar Platoon Commander, and Weapons Company Executive Officer from 1990-1993. During this time, he deployed twice to the Mediterranean Sea with the 26<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). On his first deployment, he participated in Operation *SHARP EDGE*, Monrovia, Liberia, in support of the U.S. Embassy during that country's civil war.

In 1993 he was reassigned as the Officer-in-Charge, Officer Selection Station Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In August 1996, he reported to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines where he served as Assistant Operations Officer and Company Commander deploying to Okinawa and the Mediterranean Sea where he participated in Operation *DYNAMIC STRIKE* in the country of Bosnia-Herzegovina with the 26<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

In September 1998, he was ordered to Headquarters Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division for duty as the Operations Officer where he served until May 1999.

From 2001-2005 he served at the II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) as a Regional Plans Officer in the G-5, and as the Operations Officer, 22 Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC). During this time period Col Brown deployed in support of Operation *IRAQI FREEDOM* (while attached as an individual augment to the Special Operations Component, Central Command), Operation *MOUNTAIN STORM* in Afghanistan with 22 MEU(SOC) and Operation *IRAQI FREEDOM 04-06* with II MEF (Forward).

From 2005 – 2007 he served as the Inspector & Instructor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment.

In 2008 he reported to U.S. Special Operations Command for assignment as a Special Plans Branch Chief.

He is a graduate of The Basic School, Infantry Officer's Course, Mountain Leader's Course (Winter), Small Boat Navigator's Course, Basic Airborne Course, Advanced Infantry Officer's Course, U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College, the Army's School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), and the Joint Advanced War fighting School (JAWS).

Col Brown holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, a Masters of Arts degree in Human Resource Development, a Military Masters of Arts & Science degree in Theater Operations and a Master's of Science Degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy.

Col Brown's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of Second Award), Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with Gold Star in lieu of Second Award), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (with Combat V), the Army Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon (with Gold Star in lieu of Second Award).